Electrification of Ernakulam-Trivandrum rail line

1407. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the electrification of Ernakulam-Trivandrum rail line stands at present;

(b) by when it is likely to be commenced and completed;

(c) the estimated amount for completing the electrical works; and

(d) the extent of traction under Trivandrum Division to be electrified and the places connected therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Requisite clearances have been obtained and detailed estimate is under process.

(b) Work is targeted to be completed by March, 2004, subject to availability of funds.

(c) The estimated cost is Rs. 147.87 crores.

(d) Out of total 624 Broad Gauge route kilometres in Trivandrum Division, 106 route kilometres from Shoranur to Ernakulam are already electrified 320 route kilometres from Ernakulam to Trivandurm *via* Alleppey/Kottayam as well as *via* Kayankulam & Quilon falling under Trivandrum Division are to be electrified under Ernakulam-Trivandrum electrification work.

Computerised rail reservation facility

†1408. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stations at which computerised reservation facility has been provided and the names of stations for which return ticket and reservation can be provided from Delhi, through computers;

(b) the names of stations where these facilities are likely to be provided in this financial year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.